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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A product cruncher which comprises a main housing including a rotatable base,
a secondary housing secured onto said main housing,
means for crunching pieces of a product,
a reservoir in said main housing for collecting particles of the crunched product, and
an outlet in said base for dispensing the particles of crunched product.

Claim 2. (Original) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 1, in which
said means for crunching said product is a non-movable tooth means, and
a movable tooth means which moves relative to said non-movable tooth means.

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3. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 2, in which said main housing includes an inlet aligned with said means for crunching pieces of a product through which crunched particles fall into said reservoir.

4. (Original) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 2, in which

said movable teeth are secured onto a push rod, and
a spring means for applying an upward force on said push rod
to force said push rod into a rest position relative to the non-movable teeth.

5. (Original) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 3 in which

said movable teeth are secured onto a push rod, and
a spring means for applying an upward force on said push rod
to force said push rod into a rest position relative to the non-movable teeth.

6. (Original) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 3, which includes

a stationary handle (32) fixed to and extending upwardly from

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said upper housing (20), and

a movable handle spaced from said stationary handle and pivoted about a pivot pin (36) secured in said secondary housing,

said movable handle including a cam which contacts an upper end of the push rod for operation of the push rod.

7. (Original) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 4, which includes

a stationary handle (32) fixed to and extending upwardly from said upper housing (20), and

a movable handle spaced from said stationary handle and pivoted about a pivot pin (36) secured in said secondary housing,

said movable handle including a cam which contacts an upper end of the push rod for operation of the push rod.

8. (Original) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 5, which includes

a stationary handle (32) fixed to and extending upwardly from said upper housing (20), and

a movable handle spaced from said stationary handle and pivoted about a pivot pin (36) secured in said secondary housing,

said movable handle including a cam which contacts an upper

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end of the push rod for operation of the push rod.

9. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 1, in which said outlet reservoir includes a non-rotatable dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

10. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 2, in which said outlet reservoir includes a non-rotatable dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

11. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 3, in which said outlet reservoir includes a non-rotatable dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of

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said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

12. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 4, in which said ~~outlet~~ reservoir includes a non-rotatable dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

13. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 5, in which said ~~outlet~~ reservoir includes a non-rotatable dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

14. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 6, in which said ~~outlet~~ reservoir includes a non-rotatable

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dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

15. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 7, in which said outlet reservoir includes a non-rotatable dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

16. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 8, in which said outlet reservoir includes a non-rotatable dispensing disk, said dispensing disk includes an opening for dispensing crunched particles through said outlet in said base of said main housing as the base of said main housing is rotated to align said outlet disk in said housing with said opening in said disk.

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17. (Currently amended) A product cruncher as set forth in claim 9, in which said main housing includes appendages which relate to ~~some~~ a character ~~or~~ animal.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-3. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-3, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-3.

In Figures 1-3, reference character 20 for the dispensing disk has been changed to 21 to avoid using the same reference character for two different parts. In Figures 1 and 2 the dispensing aperture in the rotatable base has been corrected by the addition of reference character 16, and the anchor pin has been identified by reference character 27. In Figure 3 the slot in the dispensing disk has been identified by new reference character 25.

Attachment: Replacement sheets
Annotated Sheets showing changes